

MEMORANDUM

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Agenda Item No. 2 (H)


TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 18, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging natural
gas and propane gas utilities to
extend service throughout
Miami-Dade County

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Javier D. Souto.

for: 
Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

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MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: July 6, 2006

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Agenda Item No.

Veto _____

7-6-06

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE GAS UTILITIES TO EXTEND SERVICE THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY TO PROVIDE RESIDENTS WITH AN ECONOMICAL ENERGY ALTERNATIVE TO ELECTRICITY THAT IS ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE WHEN SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS INCAPACITATE ELECTRICAL POWER SYSTEMS AND URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO TAKE ACTIONS TO ENCOURAGE NATURAL GAS AND PROPANE GAS UTILITIES TO EXTEND SERVICE THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

WHEREAS, on October 22, 2005, the County declared a State of Local Emergency for all of Miami-Dade County because of the threat posed by *Hurricane Wilma*; and

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2005, *Hurricane Wilma* impacted Miami-Dade County with severe weather conditions that left approximately 90% of residents and businesses without electrical power; and

WHEREAS, homeowners and businesses that have natural gas and propane gas service available can install the necessary equipment to have generators power such homes and business for a fraction of the cost of generators that run on gasoline; and

WHEREAS, many homes and businesses in Miami-Dade County are unable to take advantage of the cost savings that generators that run on natural gas or propane gas would provide in the event of an electrical power outage because natural gas and propane gas service is not available throughout Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature and the Public Service Commission have authority to set policy for the provision of service by public utilities such as natural gas and propane gas companies; and

WHEREAS, supporting efforts by residents and businesses to obtain economical back-up power assists disaster response and recovery and promotes the health, safety and welfare of Miami-Dade County,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1. This Board urges natural gas and propane gas utilities to extend service throughout Miami-Dade County to provide residents with an economical energy alternative to electricity that is especially effective when severe weather events incapacitate electrical power systems and urges the State Legislature and the Florida Public Service Commission to take actions to encourage natural gas and propane gas utilities to extend service throughout Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. This Board directs the County Manager to require the Public Works Department, DERM, and WASD to provide a courtesy notice to natural gas and propane gas utilities of any County projects such as major road construction projects that would provide an opportunity for natural gas and propane gas utility companies to extend or install new lines as part of the County's project.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Board is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Chair and members of the Miami- Dade County State Legislative Delegation and the Florida Public Service Commission.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the passage of legislation consistent with the objectives of this resolution set forth in section 1 above, and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 State Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Sen. Javier D. Souto and offered by
Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was
seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the
vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this
6th day of July, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date
of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only
upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Eric A. Rodriguez

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